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Rep. Piscopo Is American Legislative Exchange Council's 2005 Legislator of the Year



State Representative John E. Piscopo, R-76th District, has been selected as the American Legislative Exchange Council's 2005 Legislator of the Year. Representative Piscopo received the award at ALEC's recent Annual Meeting in Grapevine, Texas.

"This is an honor that is earned only by those who have a demonstrated record of achievement in advancing the fundamental Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism and individual liberty through their contributions as an ALEC member," said ALEC Executive Director Duane A. Parde.

"It's a real honor to be chosen as ALEC's Legislator of the Year," said Representative Piscopo, who has been an ALEC member for many years. "Over the years, ALEC has provided me with background information on a variety of major issues that have helped me develop legislation that has benefited the people of the 76th District and elsewhere in Connecticut. ALEC has helped me to become a more effective legislator. I'm proud to be a member of an organization that supports and promotes the principles that have kept our country free and made our economy the envy of the world."

"I have served with Representative John Piscopo for nine years and have found him to be a person who has always fought for and defended the principles of limited government, free markets, federalism, and individual liberty," said state Representative John A. Harkins, R-120th District, in a letter to the ALEC Board of Directors urging them to consider Representative Piscopo for the award.

"Representative Piscopo is a tenacious lawmaker who does not back down from tough issues. He always looks out for the people who elect him and fights for everyone in our great state. Representative Piscopo is one of the most respected lawmakers in the State of Connecticut. I consider him to be an outstanding candidate for legislator of the year and an individual who is fully committed to ALEC's philosophy and goals," Representative Harkins wrote.

ALEC is a bipartisan association of state lawmakers who share a common belief in limited government, free markets, federalism, and individual liberty.

Representative Piscopo also heads ALEC's Natural Resources Task Force, which is dedicated to the principle of free market environmentalism. The Task Force pursues policies that take advantage of the positive forces of the free market to enhance the quality of our natural resources for the benefit of human health and environmental integrity.